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## Newsletter

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#### Thanks

.. To those parents who attended the Kamo High School Information Meeting on Wednesday evening.

#### People of the week

.. Scott and James both scored a goal in their first game for Hatch Cup hockey against Auckland in the weekend.  
 .. Jacob for donating his trucks for sandpit toys.  
 .. Haig Mehrtens (ex pupil) made the U16 Rep Northland Rugby team. Well done Haig.  
 .. International Schools English Exam candidates. Well done!

#### English Exam Survey

For your interest an informal survey of candidate responses to the test is as follows..

	Easier than Expected	About Same as Expected	Harder than Expected
Yr 4	3	3	1
Yr 5	2	3	1
Yr 6	2	6	2
Yr 7	1	4	
Yr 8		3	3

#### Hi-viz Vests

Fonterra Kauri have kindly offered to supply vests for children who catch the bus or walk to school. The vest is a fluoro yellow lightweight material with orange piping, also with Hi viz reflector tape and a small Fonterra logo on the front.

If you would be interested in your child receiving one, please contact the office by Wednesday 11 August.

**think... SOLD!**

think yellow, think...

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### **Newsletters**

Recently a number of families have missed (or nearly missed) key dates which had been advertised in multiple newsletters. We would like to encourage you all into the habit of asking routinely for your newsletter each Friday, or going online to read the newsletter on our website. This way you will know of events well in advance - and help reduce our workload as we process late enquiries. Having said this, never be afraid to phone and ask questions or seek clarification. It is our job to provide you with good information and we never mind answering questions.

### **Winter and influenza**

We are well and truly in to the flu season now. It's often a tough call but, if your child complains of being unwell, please err on the side of caution and keep them at home. This will give us a better chance of minimising the impact of these viruses on the wider school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Coming up**

11 August	Whangarei Boy's High school discussion - for parents and boys (1:45 PM Room 12)
12 August	Year 7 and 8 indoor bowls tournament
13 August	Senior Mathex
17 August	International Schools Mathematics Exam
18 August	Taniwha Challenge (Te Horo School)
23 August	Regional Science Fair (Forum North)
25 August	Year 7 and 8 Badminton Tournament
3 September	Interschool Cross Country Event
7 September	Senior Abseiling Day - A.H. Reed Park
7-9 September	Innovation class camp
14 September	Junior trip to Matapouri Beach
17 September	Rippa Rugby - Tournament 2

### **What's on in rooms**

Please find attached overviews showing main topics being covered in Senior School this term. Please let your child's teacher know if you have skills you are keen to share or if you would simply like to be involved in some way. You are welcome in rooms and teachers can always do with a hand.

### **Science Fair Representatives**

Those children who will be representing our school at the forthcoming Regional Fair received suggestions today on how they might further improve their exhibits. It is now up to these children whether or not they implement these improvements in the period leading up to the regional fair (23-27 August). Mrs Donaldson is more than happy to answer any questions or give any advice.

### **High School Preferences**

Last week year 8 students received a form asking for parents to indicate the secondary school their child is likely to attend next year. This helps us to ensure that you get all of the information you need in the run up to enrolment and enables us to arrange interview times. Please ensure this form is returned to school on Monday.

### **K.H.S.**

Open evening will be held 11 August 5:00 to 6:15 with an information presentation in the hall at 6:30 PM.

### **Whangarei Girls' High School Interviews**

Enrolment interviews for intending WGHS year 9 students will be held at Matarau School on the morning of Monday 9 August. *Please ensure that you have returned your high school preference form by early next week so that a slot is allocated for your daughter.*

If you have not received confirmation of your interview time by the end of next week please contact Mr Delemare. Interviews are of 20 minutes duration. Please bring your child's last report, their birth certificate and any questions.

### **Whangarei Boys' High School Discussion**

Senior staff from Whangarei Boys High School will be visiting Matarau on Wednesday 11 August at 1.45 to speak about their school and answer any questions. All Year 8 Boys are strongly encouraged to attend, along with parents if you can make it. Parents of Year 7 Boys who would be interested in attending are also welcome.

### **International Schools Maths Exam**

.. Just under 2 weeks away (17 August). Practice papers available from the school office.

### **School Council Disco - CHANGE OF DATE!!**

A school disco will be held **Friday 20 August**. The disco is open to all students and starts at 6:00 PM and finishes at 9:00 PM. Theme is "Best Dressed". Children are asked to bring a plate and a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of the DJ. **Years 1 to 4 children are to be picked up at 7:30 PM** and the remaining children at 9:00 PM (on the dot please). If you are unable to pick your year 1 to 4 child up until 9:00 they will watch a supervised DVD.

If you are able to help with supervision please give Mr Schuster a call.

### **School Headlice Inspection**

.. will take place Friday 20 August. Please check your children's hair in advance of this date. Mrs Cates would love a couple more parent volunteers - just give her a call if you can help.

### **Room 5 Request**

.. for shredded paper. Please let Mrs Sloper know by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August if you can help. Thank you.

### **Senior School Request**

Wanted: Free or cheap chicken coop for new chickens. Suitable size for about 4 or 5 chickens. If we can't find a chicken coop we would appreciate if we could have some materials such as chicken wire, wood, nails and fencing staples. If you could help us by donating any of these materials please see Mrs Williams in Room 10 or the chicken group.

### **School Production Request**

This year the school production is called Marz, it is set in space and has a recycling/rubbish theme. This script has been based on a script of the same name by Pamela Uttinger and has been significantly changed by Matarau teachers.

Marz will take place later this term and rehearsals have already begun. As a result we require parental assistance to create fantastic costumes for our performers. If you have a sewing machine and/or any time to assist with making our costumes please email me, Simon Schuster, on [sms.schuster@gmail.com](mailto:sms.schuster@gmail.com)

In addition to this we are also looking for a variety of equipment to be used as props. If you are able to give/lend any of the following, please email me also:

- Metal rubbish bin lids                      Garden brooms
- Fabric and/or Calico or similar              VIP red carpet or any red carpet
- Old News crew quality microphones      Old broken cameras
- Bubble wrap

I can arrange pick up if you are unable to deliver it yourself. All offers will be gratefully accepted.

### **Children remaining at school after bell**

Please note that children remaining at school after 3:25 should be placed in After School Care unless they are travelling into town on the final (fifth) bus. The ASC programme has a special rate for users from 3:00 to 4:00 and so this is an ideal opportunity to have homework completed before they get home. Please book in to this programme by phoning 0278461724 if you know your children are at school after 3:25 - this way they will be properly supervised and gainfully employed.

Thanks to those parents who have arranged to pick their children up at the earlier time!

### **Calf Club Day - 22nd October 2009**

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets, a booklet will be handed out prior to the September school holidays & needs to be completed by 15 October. No dogs are allowed to be entered. If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz)

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 5 went home last week. All orders and money back to the office by August 13<sup>th</sup> please.

### **Home Gardens**

You might also like to discuss with your child(ren) the possibility of participating in our 2010 Home Garden Programme. Children involved in this programme tend their own garden at home, keep a garden diary, and meet periodically at school to share tips, ask and answer questions, swap plants etc. Gardens are judged in late November. Consent forms were sent home last week and further forms are available from the school office. A great way to encourage children into healthy food and an important life skill.

### **Out of zone enrolments**

For more information on the balloting process, and for a zone description, please visit our website [ww.mataru.school.nz](http://ww.mataru.school.nz) Application forms available from the school office.

### **Community Notices**

For Rent - 1 Bedroom Chalet, Rushbrook Rd, \$150pw. For more details phone Lillian or Hans 4365326.

For Rent - 2 Bedroom Unit in Percy St, \$260 incl water and washing machine. Ph Elaine 4344378 or 021 706101.

For Sale - 15kg bags of dry sheep manure for hockey fundraiser \$10/bag. Ph Sharyn 4352992.

Table Tennis - Now available at the new Northland Sports House. For more info contact Brent Davies, Table Tennis Northland.

Wanted - Orphan Lamb for loving home. Phone Jayne or Jess on 4335626 or 02111590219.

Zumba Classes - Matarau School Hall, Beginning Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. \$10/session or \$80/10 concession ticket.

Lupton House - Boarding hostel options available for students attending Whangarei Girls' High School. For more info please phone 437 7359 or email [lupton@wgghs.school.nz](mailto:lupton@wgghs.school.nz).

For Sale - Jack Russell X puppies for sale. Ready for homes in 2 weeks, 1 girl, 2 boys left. \$250 each. Ph Lisa 4356199, or 0272589663.

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Salut Restaurant & Brasserie - August Entertainment Line Up:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 1pm : The Literatti (Performance Poetry troupe debut their new show "Ghosts", fusion of word, music & theatre); Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm AmericaHA Comedy Show (direct from Bill Dawes, with guests Mark Scott & Rob Callaghan)

### **Final thought**

What's the difference between a bus driver and a cold? One knows the stops, the other stops the nose.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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### Cross Country

You are cordially invited to share this event with us on Friday 6 August. For those new to the school this event is held on the farm opposite the school and the day breaks down roughly as follows ..

(Note : approximate times only - Presentation at 2:30 PM)

12/13 year old girls	12/13 year old boys	10/11 year old girls	10/11 year old boys
- 12:40	- 12:50	- 1:05	- 1:15
8/9 year old girls	8/9 year old boys	7 year old girls	7 year old boys
- 1:30	- 1:40	- 1:50	- 2:00
6 year old girls	6 year old boys	5 year old girls	5 year old boys
- 2:10	- 2:15	- 2:20	- 2:25

You can assist by ensuring that children have a change of clothes for this event as well as a drink bottle and something warm to wear before and after races. You might also want to schedule a practice run over the weekend.

Sponsors of this year's Cross Country are  
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Good Luck to all  
participants